

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND ASSEMBLIES
THEREOF USEFUL IN THE DETECTION OF THE
PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF TARGET NUCLEIC
ACID SEQUENCES IN A SAMPLE

Examiner: Jeffrey Norman Fredman

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

- (1) This is a petition for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2002, for a period of three months.
- (2) Applicant is a:
X small entity ___ verified statement attached
 X verified statement filed
___ other than small entity
- (3)
- | Extension | Fee for small entity
<u>small entity</u> | Fee for other than
<u>small entity</u> |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| ___ one month | \$ 55 | \$ 110 |
| ___ two months | \$ 200 | \$ 400 |
| _X_ three months | \$ 465 | \$ 930 |
| ___ four months | \$ 720 | \$ 1440 |
| ___ five months | \$ 980 | \$ 1960 |
- (4) An amendment _X_ is filed herewith
 ___ has been filed
- (5) Please charge the extension fee and any other amount required to Deposit Account No. **50-1407**. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

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